

Airport

Mission. The mission of the Wichita Airport is to develop the airport system on a self-sustaining and fiscally sound basis; and to maintain, develop and enhance capital investments in the City of Wichita's airport facilities.



An average of 48 flights a day (excluding weekends) departs Mid-Continent Airport.

Overview. Facilities administered by the department include Wichita Mid-Continent Airport and Jabara Airport. Mid-Continent is a commercial service airport that currently handles more than 1 million passengers per year. Twelve airlines operate out of the facility offering non-stop service to ten major city destinations, with a total of 48 departures on an average business day. In addition to the passenger airlines, there are six all-cargo airlines that move nearly 40,000 tons of cargo through the facility each year. General aviation accounts for 75 percent of the total air traffic operations at Mid-Continent Airport.



Over 40,000 tons of air-cargo are shipped from Mid-Continent Airport

Jabara Airport is a general aviation reliever airport on the east side of Wichita that provides fueling and aircraft services to corporate and private aircraft, and serves as a base for an air ambulance service.

Airport operations are governed by the Airport Authority, which by Charter Ordinance is composed of the members of the Wichita

City Council. The Director of Airports, reporting to the City Manager, handles operational management of the airports. In addition, a 12-member Wichita Airport Advisory Board provides advice to the City Council regarding strategic airport issues.

The Airport Authority owns all land and facilities located on both airports except for Federal government facilities. There are approximately 150 leases with various aviation-related entities such as fixed based operators, manufacturers, aircraft/flight service agencies, car rental agencies, airlines, concession operators, the hotel operator, the parking lot manager and the Federal government. The revenue generated from these leases, along with Federal grants and passenger facility charges (dedicated to Airport capital improvements) make it possible for the airports to operate without property tax subsidies.

Finance and Operations. Airport operations are funded entirely by user fees, with no General Fund subsidies. Airport revenues are comprised primarily of tenant rentals, flight fees and concessions. In addition, the Airport generates revenue through the sale of utilities to tenants. Minimal revenue growth is expected in the near future. However, in the next few years, the Special Facility bonds used to finance several Airport tenant buildings will begin maturing. This will result in the negotiation of facility leases on buildings, which will represent a new revenue source. Overall decreases in expenditure budgets are expected, the result of the gradual payout of existing and projected debt service obligations. The Airport is organized into five areas: Administration, Engineering, Building Maintenance, Airfield Maintenance and Security. Financial and managerial oversight, as well as computer system and telephone maintenance and clerical support are included in Administration. Engineering staff work with the Airport Improvement Plan and support construction projects at the Airport.

Airfield maintenance staff are responsible for a wide variety of general outside duties, including maintenance of the surfaced areas of the tarmac (including runways and taxiways) and the landscaped areas. Staff also provides snow removal in the winter months. Vehicle maintenance is included in this area.

Building maintenance is responsible for over 350,000 square feet, including the terminal building. Staff maintain the electrical distribution system, computerized boilers, the Airfield Lighting System, and the Airfield Surface Sensor System, as well as plumbing, electrical and ventilation systems. Custodial services are provided, primarily in the terminal building and the Administration building.

The Airport is required to maintain security on Airport property, based on FAA regulations, the Airport Certification Manual and the Airport Security Plan. Staff includes 31 positions (30 of which are

commissioned) which provide law enforcement and crash rescue service 24 hours a day. In addition, the Security Division is responsible for issuing security passes to applicable Airport personnel.



Airport Safety Officers patrol the airfield, the terminal building and all Airport property, in addition to staffing crash trucks 24 hours per day.

A large portion of the overall operational duties of the Airport is associated with compliance with Federal safety and environmental mandates. Regulations relate to many facets of the operation such as airfield lighting systems, airfield pavements, the computer-

controlled access security system, underground storage tanks, storm water runoff control and hazardous materials disposal.

In April 1998, the Airport received approval from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to extend the current Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) program through 2004. Revenue from a \$3 PFC on each enplaning passenger will be used to fund a total of \$16 million in Federally eligible capital projects to enhance the safety, security, and capacity of the air transportation system. PFC collections of approximately \$2 million per year will be combined with FAA Airport Improvement Program grants averaging \$5 million annually, to ensure that airport facilities are safe, secure, and well maintained.

Capital projects completed within the last few years that most directly impact the traveling public include the remodel of the terminal restaurant area, which also involved a move to "name brand" food choices. In addition, both the long-term public parking lot and the rental car ready lot were expanded. Currently, the Terminal Building doors are being replaced, a CIP project budgeted at nearly \$1 million. Airport tenant projects included facilities constructed by the aircraft manufacturers and fixed based operators. Several major and important capital projects are planned for the near future, including a remodel of the terminal building concourses and the security checkpoint area.

Airport Fund Budget Summary					
	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2000 Revised	2001 Adopted	2002 Approved
Airport Fund Revenue	15,784,365	14,098,770	14,098,770	14,268,840	14,364,860
Personal Services	4,230,317	4,921,120	4,803,900	5,019,310	5,226,940
Contractual Services	2,266,488	2,472,820	2,615,310	2,600,090	2,582,320
Commodities	611,563	703,100	715,690	799,720	735,420
Capital Outlay	0	228,650	239,250	285,480	224,000
Other	6,271,878	3,612,720	3,629,910	1,982,110	644,060
Total Airport Fund Expenditures	13,380,246	11,938,410	12,004,060	10,686,710	9,412,740
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	2,404,119	2,160,360	2,094,710	3,582,130	4,952,120
Airport Fund Balance	14,019,150	16,805,871	16,732,000	19,479,900	22,255,500
Position Summary					
Total full-time	105	105	105	105	105
Total part-time	4	4	4	4	4
Total FTE	106.25	106.25	106.25	106.25	106.25